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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. Applicant believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, based on a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. *Thus, no fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.* However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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